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SUBJECT: DRAFT COPYRIGHT LAW FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

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1. WIPO SECRETARIAT SOURCE REPORTS THAT WIPO AND UNESCO SECRETARIATS HAVE DISCUSSED WITH TUNISIAN DEPUTY PERM REP SAID IN PARIS PROSPECTS OF HOLDING SUBJECT MEETING IN TUNISIA, BUT NO ACTION TAKEN BY TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT AS MINISTER OF CULTURE SOUGHT TO BE ELECTED TO UNESCO EXEC BOARD AND DID NOT WISH TO BE INVOLVED IN DECISION ON SUBJECT PRIOR TO GENERAL CONFERENCE ELECTION. NOW THAT HE HAS BEEN ELECTED TO BOARD WIPO SECRETARIAT BELIEVES GOT MIGHT ACT ON INVITATION.

2. WIPO SOURCE REPORTS THAT CURRENT THINKING OF UNESCO/WIPO SECRETARIATS IS THAT TO AVOID ONUS OF DECISION AS TO WHICH COUNTRIES ARE "DEVELOPING" AND WHICH NOT, SECRETARIATS WOULD PREFER TO HAVE HOST COUNTRY ISSUE INVITATIONS AND DECIDE ON INVITEES.

3. IF TUNISIA CANNOT OR DOES NOT ISSUE INVITATIONS IT POSSIBLE  
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COUNTRY OR INDIA MAY DO SO.

4. ORIGINALLY APRIL, MAY OR JUNE 1975 HAS BEEN CONSIDERED AS DATES FOR MEETING. BUT WIPO SOURCE POINTED OUT THAT SINCE THERE IS NO AGREEMENT YET ON HOST COUNTRY AND SINCE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION CANNOT BE FINALIZED UNTIL THIS AGREEMENT REACHED THAT TIME BETWEEN NOW AND APRIL-JUNE 1975 TOO SHORT FOR ADEQUATE MEETING PREPARATIONS. SECOND HALF OF 1975 TOO CHARGED WITH MEETINGS FOR WIPO--JUNE 16-21, WASHINGTON, D.C. MEETING ON REPROGRAPHIC REPRODUCTION OF COPYRIGHT WORKS; SEPTEMBER, GENEVA MEETING OF WIPO ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES; OCTOBER, MEXICO CITY SEMINAR ON NEIGHBORING RIGHTS; AND DECEMBER, GENEVA JOINT MEETING OF BERN CONVENTION AND UNESCO INTERGOVERNMENTAL COPYRIGHT COMMITTEE. CONSEQUENTLY, WIPO NOW THINKING IN TERMS OF EARLY 1976 AS DATES FOR CONVENING MEETING.

5. MEETING DOCUMENTS WILL INCLUDE: (1) DRAFT MODEL LAW (DRAWN UP BY TWO SECRETARIATS); (2) COMMENTARY ON MODEL LAW; (3) COMMENTS OF MEMBER STATES ON DOCUMENTS 1 AND 2, WHICH ALREADY CIRCULATED TO BERN MEMBERS AND RELATED NGOS. ONLY FINLAND, FRANCE, UK AND SOME NGOS' HAVE SENT IN SOME COMMENTS ON DOCUMENTS TO DATE.

6. WIPO SOURCE COMMENTED, FINALLY, THAT MEETING WILL FACE CONSIDERABLE BUILT-IN DISAGREEMENT ON FORM OF MODEL COPYRIGHT LAW BECAUSE AFRICAN REGION, BROADLY SPEAKING, FOLLOWS TWO TYPES OF LAW-FRENCH AND ENGLISH; LA'S FOLLOW ANOTHER; ASIANS, ALTHOUGH MOSTLY CLOSE TO ENGLISH, FOLLOW STILL ANOTHER. DALE

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